

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-12-19 Building Date: 1903

Building Name: Reed House

Location: 3406 Varnum Street, Brentwood, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Reed House is a two-story frame house of the flat-front or "free-standing rowhouse" type. It is two bays wide, with a one-story-hip-roof screened across its main south facade. The original wood siding is covered with white asbestos shingle. Although the horizontal cornice was probably originally decorated with jigsaw brackets, there is today no surviving trim. A one-story flat-roof wing has been added on the east.

Significance

The Reed House is an example of the flat-front or "free-standing rowhouse" type of urban vernacular house form. Although much modernized, it has significance as one of only two surviving examples of this dwelling form from the earliest building period in Brentwood. It was built in 1903 by the Brentwood Company developers and leased to John P. Reed, who worked as a plasterer in house construction. The Reed family purchased the house and lot in 1907. The house has been much altered, and all of the Victorian trim has been removed, but the original lines of the house can be clearly recognized.

Acreage: 10,000 Square feet

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Reed House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3406 Varum Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Brentwood ☐ vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Theresa Heine

street & number 3406 Varum Street telephone no.:

city, town Brentwood state and zip code MD 20722

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6957

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 888

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
1903	
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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[Prince George's County Deeds](#)
[Prince George's County Tax Assessments](#)
[Prince George's County Probate Records](#)
[Prince George's County Plats](#)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 10,000 sq. ft. (Brentwood, Block 9, lot 3)

Quadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references


A

Zone Easting Northing

B

Zone Easting Northing

C

D 

E | | | | | | | | | |

F

G

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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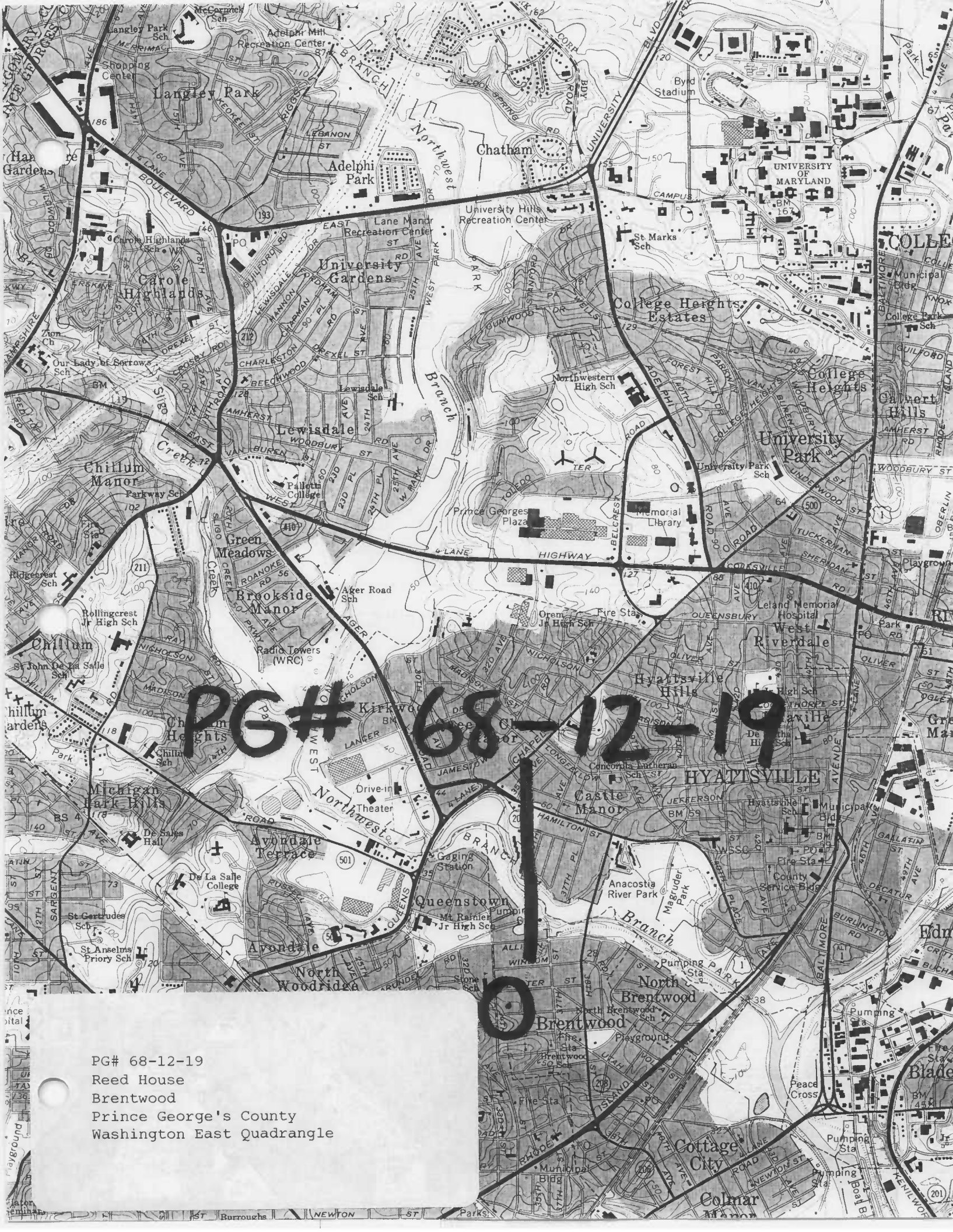
city or town Upper Marlboro

state MD

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Reed House
Brentwood
Prince George's County
Washington East Quadrangle



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3406 Vanuam Street
Brentwood, P.G. Co
Susan L. Pearl
April 1992
View from east

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